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Title: Need to implement the policy of reservation in employment to most backward class of Pondicherry.− Laid.

PROF. M. RAMADASS (PONDICHERRY): The people in the Union Territory of Pondicherry have not got the benefits of reservation and social justice as far as the people of other backward classes are concerned. While the neighbouring states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh have been extending the facility of reservation in employment and education since independence, the same benefit was not extended to Pondicherry because it was directly governed by the Government of India. It was only in 1996, in the wake of Mandal Commission recommendation that reservation in jobs of 27% was made to OBCs. Reservation in education was not given. Although the Government of Pondicherry had identified most backward classes among the OBCs, they were not considered for this facility. After prolonged correspondence with the Government, a few months back Government of Pondicherry announced reservation to Most Backward Classes only in education. Reservation in employment is not yet announced. This is a great anomaly and injustice to the large number of people in Pondicherry. Since the Union Government has the overall responsibility for administering the Union Territory of Pondicherry, the Government of India may immediately issue orders to implement the policy of reservation in employment to Most Backward Class of Pondicherry.